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**GOVERNOR HARMON AND THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF OHIO.**

The Progressive Democratic League of Ohio, including delegates from almost every county in the state, met yesterday in the state capital and passed resolutions, of which this is a sample:

"That the suggestion of the nominating of any other than a known, tried and true progressive democrat brings immediately to our memory the disastrous defeat of 1904, when in Ohio Parker lost the state by more than 253,000; out of the 24 congressmen, we lost 20; out of 450 officers, we lost 400; and out of 88 counties, we lost 71."

While this does not mention Governor Harmon, it is an unmistakable condemnation of his candidacy for the presidency. In the speeches, the governor was mentioned only incidentally. Several of the delegates, including the chairman, former Congressman Lentz, eulogized William J. Bryan, and every mention of the name of the great Nebraskan was cheered. In the preamble these words plainly refer to Mr. Bryan:

"We, the representatives of the pioneer progressives in the democratic party in the state of Ohio, in conference, realizing that the never-ending conflict between the standpatters and the progressives is still on and that certain selfish, sordid and mercenary agencies are active in their efforts to thwart the purposes and hopes of the

six and a half million men who voted the democratic ticket every time the democratic national committeemen gave them a progressive platform and leader, and recognizing the historical fact that the largest vote ever cast for the democratic ticket was in the three times when the party had a platform and a candidate satisfactory to the progressive democracy of the country," etc.

Such a demonstration by democrats of Governor Harmon's own state ought to be sufficient evidence to anyone that Governor Harmon can not be elected president by democratic votes.

**CO-OPERATIVE PAVING.**

In a leading editorial on the advantages of the co-operative paving plan the Houston Post makes this frank admission:

"Houston can not construct twenty-two miles of permanent pavement within a year under present conditions, but Dallas or Fort Worth can and they are doing it, and they are improving more rapidly than Houston is on that account. Give Houston a similar paving policy and the entire city will be paved within ten years and a modern, clean city will result. Houston is not in reality a modern, clean city, because of the woeful lack of street pavements. The town has been knee deep in mud for a month and the comparatively few paved streets have been rendered filthy by the mud brought by vehicles from the mud lanes."

If Main street were paved, who would be most benefited? The owners of property abutting on the street, of course. Some of these property owners are non-residents. Is it fair that all the resident taxpayers should pay the whole cost of an improvement of which they are the principal beneficiaries? Manifestly not. Granting that paving is desirable, only those who want an unfair advantage will oppose dividing the cost in proportion to beneficial results.

Referring to the fact that the committee gave Mr. Bryan the place of honor on the program of the Jackson Day dinner, the Houston Post makes this belated admission: "The right of free speech always transcends the propriety of speech, so Mr. Bryan has a perfect right to stir up the monkeys to his heart's content." After what the Post has been publishing about the Distinguished Nebraskan recently, this is refreshing.

Referring doubtless to the progressive democrats of Ohio mentioning him as their choice for the presidency, William J. Bryan said yesterday more positively than ever before that he will not be a candidate. Yet it is vain to hope that anything will stop the efforts of his traducers to make the people believe that gaining the presidency is the object of all his efforts. Being incapable of unselfish patriotism, they can not believe that it exists.

Taft says he will run or die. Evidently his envoy to Oyster Bay brought back a report that put the president on his mettle. Mr. Roosevelt positively refused to pledge himself not to enter the race against Taft is believed to be the purport of the message. The republican mixup is getting to be intensely interesting.

There is no difference of opinion about the need of good roads. The first question is how to get them, and the second, how to distribute them so as to give everybody a square deal. Practically all are agreed that the bond issue will get them; so the only thing left to be decided is the plan of distribution. Discussion is in order.

Eftsoons the candidate will be perambulating the country lanes, grasping the paw of the bucolic voter with his effusive "Howdy, howdy, how do you do? How is your wife and how are you? It fits my hand as no other can—the horny hand of the working-man."

Is that a joke about those Washington county farmers resolving not to reduce their cotton acreage but advising all other farmers to diversify? If it isn't a bit of pleasantry, but is intended to be taken seriously, its cheekiness is only equaled by its stupidity.

Having shown how elegant and commodious concrete houses can be built for \$1000 apiece, Edison is now engaged in an effort to supply concrete furniture for such houses at a cost of \$200 each. Then, will he make concrete clothes?

Meningitis is causing alarm in Dallas, in Waco and in other places. It is a bad disease, though its terrors are very much exaggerated. Still every possible precaution should be taken to safeguard against it. Ask your physician how to do this.

That Amarillo woman who went to the bad declared she loved her two children but would give them up rather than her paramour. It was Goethe who said: "When to the devil's house we speed, the women go far in the lead."

Four hundred and twenty-three persons were killed on the streets of New York during 1911. That beats both Dallas and Houston, and we Texans have been thinking they were the limit.

The disestablishment of the national church and withdrawal of government support of the clergy is the next great reform for which the English progressives are contending. It can't be long delayed.

If the heavy cattle losses in the Northwest don't stiffen the market and make prices better it will be because there is some sinister influence counteracting the law of supply and demand.

Brazos county can boast of the proud distinction of having no candidate for congressman at large. But Brazos has better congressional timber than any yet offered.

Every pension bill that does not provide for purging out the fakirs is vicious in principle. If only the needy deserving were pensioned the burden would be light.

The past December was the wettest recorded since the first weather bureau left the shop and was put in commission.

By actual count President Taft shook hands with 8092 persons on New Year's Day. Being president isn't all velvet.

The Brazos county soil is now stored with abundant wetness and Brazos county farmers are preparing to coin it into money next season.

It is plain that Colonel Roosevelt is forermost any peace movement unless he is to have the credit for it.

Cut Out the Cold Weather Centers. The Telegram has heretofore been opposed to the division of the state, but recent developments have changed that attitude, and now we are for it. Let us cut Amarillo, Dalhart and some of those other cold weather places clear out of Texas. Every shiver Texas has had for the past two months has come from Amarillo or Dalhart. Cut them out!—Temple Telegram.

An Allsufficient Reason. One reason the other women like a woman who won't gossip is because she is always an extra good listener. Yoakum Herald.

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**MENINGITIS STILL****SPREADING**

Dreaded Disease Appears at Several New Points.

[By Associated Press.]

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 4.—Two deaths and three new cases of meningitis is the record of this city today.

**Schools and Amusement Places Closed**

[By Associated Press.]

Teague, Texas, Jan. 4.—There was one death from meningitis here today. The schools and amusement places have been ordered closed.

**MENINGITIS IN****SOUTH TEXAS**

[By Associated Press.]

Columbus, Texas, Jan. 4.—One death from meningitis was reported here Tuesday. The victim was a negro girl.

**PROMINENT EDUCATOR DEAD.**

[By Associated Press.]

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 4.—G. A. Lowellen, dean of the Bible school of the Texas Christian University, died here today.

**POLITICS IN ARKANSAS.**

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4.—The democratic state central committee met in this city today to issue the call and make other arrangements for the coming primaries and state convention. The primaries will be held in March, at which time candidates for state offices and a legislature that will elect the successor of United States Senator Jeff Davis will be named. Senator Davis is a candidate for re-election and is opposed by former Congressman Stephen Brundidge of Searcy. The contest for the governorship is between Governor Donaghey, who desires a third term, and Congressman Joseph T. Robinson. Statewide prohibition and taxation will figure as the chief issues of the state campaign.

**Propose a Collar Trust.**

New York, Jan. 4.—Harvey, Fisk & Co., bankers, are said to be back of negotiations for a combine of the leading collar factories of the country, and important developments are expected within the next few days. If carried through, all the leading plants at Troy, N. Y., the center of the collar industry, together with branches in other places, will be combined into one company with a capitalization of \$20,000,000.

**Election in Ecuador.**

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 4.—A convention of the government party will be held here today to nominate a successor to President Emilio Estrada, who died on December 22. Several candidates are in the field, but it is expected that the choice will fall on Charles Freile Zaldumbide, who is acting as provisional president pending the election, which will be held on January 28.

**Woman Opens Air School.**

Paris, Jan. 4.—Jane Hervieu opened a school for feminine aviators today near Compiegne, with a number of fair students and many more promised. Aviation promises to become a fad among Parisian fashionables and several women prominent in French society will take lessons in flying from Mlle. Hervieu. She uses two monoplanes.

**DR. PHILLIPS ADVOCATES CONSERVATION OF TEXAS GAS.**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 4.—William B. Phillips, director of the bureau of economic geology and technology of the State University, has been taking a great deal of interest in the development of the Texas gas fields. Dr. Phillips believes in the scientific and economical handling of the state's natural resources, and in an interview said:

"I hope that the Crowther field will be handled in a business-like manner. I am much afraid that some of the

natural gas people in Texas are offering gas at too low a rate. This will mean a heavy use of it and a speedier exhaustion of the fields. There are not a few towns in Ohio which could give evidence on this point, to say nothing of Kansas and Oklahoma. A price below which the business can be secured is suicidal."

**Serious Charges Against Doctor.**

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 4.—Dr. Thomas N. Rogers, a prominent physician of this place and an unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor of Michigan in 1906, was arraigned in court today to answer to charges growing out of the death six weeks ago of Mrs. James W. Black. The woman's death is alleged to have resulted from an illegal operation.

**Exercises for Judge Lowell.**

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—Memorial exercises for the late Judge Francis C. Lowell of the United States circuit court were held in the federal courtroom here today. Judges Colt and Putnam delivered eulogies and eminent representatives of the Boston bar responded.

**Warships Off to Cuba.**

Washington, Jan. 4.—All preparations have been completed by the navy department today for the rendezvous of the vessels of the Atlantic fleet and the trip to Cuban waters. Guantanamo will be the port of the fleet during the winter drills. Large quantities of supplies have already been sent to Guantanamo in advance of the arrival of the battleships.

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